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OF THE
CENSUS DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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INFORMATION REPORT

Census Data Advisory Committee

I. STATUTORY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

The responsibilities of the Census Data Advisory Committee are found in IC 2-5-19-19, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 19. The committee shall do the following:

(1) Advise and assist the Bureau of the Census in the preparation and organization of decennial census data for use by the general assembly in reapportioning the following:

(A) The house of representatives of the general assembly.

(B) The senate of the general assembly.

(C) The United States House of Representatives.

(2) Work with the Bureau of the Census in defining the boundaries of census blocks in Indiana.

(3) Coordinate Indiana's efforts to obtain an accurate population count in each decennial census.

(4) Work with other state and federal agencies to assist in the local review program conducted in Indiana.

(5) Work with the code revision commission to prepare legislation for introduction in the regular session of the general assembly that meets during the year of the effective date of the decennial census under IC 1-1-3.5 to propose amendments to Indiana law to reflect the population information obtained as a result of the decennial census.

(6) Study costs and other relevant aspects of acquisition by the state of a geographic information system.

(7) Make recommendations concerning changes or amendments to IC 3 (the elections code) to the general assembly, including legislation for the implementation and administration of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 through 15545).".

The Legislative Council assigned the following additional study topic to the Committee:

Plans to redistrict the legislative and congressional districts (HB 1013-09, 1030-09, 1347-09, SB 136-09, 289-09, SR 66-09).

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met one time during the 2010 interim session on September 17, 2010. Mark Stratton and Maureen Bard of the Office of Census Data discussed the data that will be used for the forthcoming redistricting in 2011, including improvements in the timing to receive the data.

Chairman Stilwell led a discussion over the topic of redistricting planning as assigned by the Legislative Council. Senator Lanane provided an overview of the previous year's legislation and explained the differences in the various proposals. Several committee members, including Senator Tallian, Representative Behning, and Representative Richardson, commented on the topic. Julia Vaughn of Common Cause Indiana testified during the public portion of the meeting on the current method of drawing up legislative maps.

The Indiana Clerk's Association testified about voting problems encountered with current optical scan sample ballot cards and commented on filing dates involving military and overseas voters. Chairman Stilwell asked the persons testifying to send proposed language that could solve the issues to the respective chairs and ranking members of both the House and Senate election committees.

The Committee is required to file a final report, but did not adopt a final report at the September 17, 2010, meeting. No further meetings were held during the 2010 interim.

Meeting minutes from the September 17, 2010, meeting of the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.